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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Command Policy Memorandum G1-00-05 - Individual Fighting Position Construction

1. REFERENCE: GTA 7-6-1, Fighting Position Construction, Infantry Leader's Reference Card, January 1994.
2. PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to establish the standard reference for the construction and inspection of fighting positions, especially the construction of overhead cover.
3. APPLICABILITY: This policy is applicable to every soldier assigned to, attached to the 4th Infantry Division.
4. BACKGROUND: A fighting position with overhead cover is a potential hazard. The weight of 18 inches of overhead cover (OHC) can exceed 1500 pounds. An assessment of this task using the Army's Standard Risk Assessment Matrix is high. Recently, a soldier was seriously injured when trapped by the collapse of his overhead cover. The collapse was as a result of an improperly constructed position.
5. POLICY:
 - a. The 4th Infantry Division's standard reference for the construction and inspection of individual fighting positions will be GTA 7-6-1 as cited in paragraph 1. This 5.5" x 8.5", 17 page booklet is a reference for leaders and soldiers alike in the safe construction of dismounted fighting positions. Major topics include : 2-Man Fighting position with built-up OHC, 2-Man Fighting Position with built-down OHC; MG fighting position, MG fighting position with built-up OHC, Class IV material requirements for standard OHC, and a leader's inspection checklist.
 - b. This GTA is available through normal publication channels. It may also be obtained electronically from the Army's General Reimer Training and Doctrine Digital Library (RDL) (<http://adtdl.army.mil>) ; however, it is a locked document. Users must have a registered account to unlock and download this document. Users can register online to receive full RDL access.

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c. An effective force protection program consist of individual, leader, and collective task training. Soldiers should receive sustainment training since these tasks are perishable, and be evaluated routinely. It must be sustained through realistic training. Understanding fundamental procedures—such as the requirement for overhead cover—is essential to ensuring soldier safety.

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